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1. EC COMMISSION OFFICIALS WHO ARE STILL PRESENT IN BRUSSELS ARE NOW REACTING TO THE TREASURY ANNOUNCEMENT THAT ANTI-DUMPING INVESTIGATIONS ARE BEING INITIATED REGARDING IMPORTED AUTOMOBILES.

2. THE MOST DETAILED REACTION HAS COME FROM MEYNELL, THE DIRECTOR IN THE COMMISSION RESPONSIBLE FOR ANTI-DUMPING MATTERS. IN A CONVERSATION WITH THE CHARGE, HE SPECIFIED THAT WITHHOLDING OF APPRAISEMENT BY TREASURY COULD TRIGGER A SEVERE CRISIS. HOWEVER, HE DID NOT FLATLY PREDICT STRAIGHTFORWARD RETALIATION.

3. MEYNELL ASKED WHETHER THE COMMISSION SHOULD MAKE A FORMAL PRESENTATION TO THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION WHEN IT BEGINS PUBLIC HEARINGS. WE SAID WE THOUGHT THAT THIS WOULD BE DESIRABLE. HOWEVER, WHEN MEYNELL PROPOSED THAT THE COMMISSION CONCENTRATE ON WHAT HE RE-

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GARDS AS THE INCONSISTENCY OF THE U.S. ANTI-DUMPING LAW

WITH THE INTERNATIONAL CODE, THE CHARGE URGED THAT THIS
IRRELEVANT ISSUE NOT BE STRESSED. THE CHARGE SUGGESTED
THAT THE COMMISSION CONCENTRATE ON THE QUESTION OF
INJURY; GENERALLY, HE RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION
SEEK AND FOLLOW THE ADVICE OF THE COMMISSION DELEGATION
IN WASHINGTON.

4. THE CHARGE ALSO URGED THAT IF TREASURY INSPECTORS
BEGIN INVESTIGATIONS IN EUROPE, THEY BE GIVEN FULL
COOPERATION, AND MEYNELL AGREED WITH THIS. MORRIS

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